# Keeping in Touch

News and notes from
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OCTOBER & NOVEMBER, 1989

## AUGUST, 1989
## TOP 20 TITHES

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | MCC Dallas | Dallas, TX | $2,707.52 |
| 2. | Church/Holy Spirit MCC | Ft Lauderdale, FL | 1,588.12 |
| 3. | MCC San Diego | San Diego, CA | 1,555.95 |
| 4. | MCC Washington | Washington, DC | 1,453.12 |
| 5. | MCC in the Valley | N Hollywood, CA | 1,243.25 |
| 6. | All God's Children MCC | Minneapolis, MN | 1,173.07 |
| 7. | MCC San Francisco | San Francisco, CA | 1,137.11 |
| 8. | MCC of the Resurrection | Houston, TX | 1,135.30 |
| 9. | MCC Los Angeles | Culver City, CA | 1,086.67 |
| 10. | MCC Long Beach | Long Beach, CA | 1,085.52 |
| 11. | MCC Toronto | Ontario, CAN | 1,080.78 |
| 12. | King of Peace MCC | St Petersburg, FL | 1,031.28 |
| 13. | River City MCC | Sacramento, CA | 826.05 |
| 14. | First MCC of Kansas | Wichita, KS | 765.45 |
| 15. | MCC of the Rockies | Denver, CO | 755.78 |
| 16. | Joy MCC | Orlando, FL | 696.36 |
| 17. | Divine Redeemer MCC | Glendale, CA | 590.04 |
| 18. | New Life MCC of Tidewater | Norfolk, VA | 564.71 |
| 19. | MCC Tampa | Tampa, FL | 548.61 |
| 20. | Church of the Trinity MCC | Sarasota, FL | 533.39 |

## AUGUST 1989
## TOP 20 PER CAPITA

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Whitewater Valley MCC | Richmond, IN | 39.69 |
| 2. | MCC San Jose | San Jose, CA | 33.05 |
| 3. | New Covenant MCC | Anaheim, CA | 30.66 |
| 4. | Golden Gate MCC | San Francisco, CA | 29.45 |
| 5. | Calvary MCC | Redwood City, CA | 27.17 |
| 6. | MCC Rockville | Rockville, MD | 26.59 |
| 7. | River City Living MCC | San Antonio, TX | 26.27 |
| 8. | MCC Dallas | Dallas, TX | 24.50 |
| 9. | MCC of Northern Virginia | Oakton, VA | 24.13 |
| 10. | Christ the Redeemer MCC | Evanston, IL | 22.71 |
| 11. | Good Samaritan MCC | Whittier, CA | 22.54 |
| 12. | MCC Shepherd/Plains | Great Falls, MT | 22.33 |
| 13. | Open Arms MCC | Rochester, NY | 21.21 |
| 14. | MCC of the Desert | Cathedral City, CA | 20.80 |
| 15. | MCC Los Angeles | Culver City, CA | 20.43 |
| 16. | Church of the Trinity MCC | Sarasota, FL | 19.56 |
| 17. | MCC Winnipeg | Manitoba, CAN | 19.49 |
| 18. | MCC Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh, PA | 19.28 |
| 19. | New Life MCC | Berkeley, CA | 18.84 |
| 20. | MCC Dayton Parish | Dayton, OH | 18.79 |

(We have received many calls asking us how Per-Capita is figured; We take Total Income and divide it by Total Attendance).

## PRAISES

Congratulations to Rev. Paul Tucker who has been invited by MCC Dallas, TX to be their Associate Pastor. God's blessings be with both Rev. Tucker and MCC Dallas.

Praise God, as Mr. Ravi Verma, UFMCC's Director of Administration will be in India from Oct. 11 till the end of November visiting his family and helping to set up a way of processing AIDS literature in India.

## PRAYERS

Prayers are requested for MCC Los Angeles and Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson. Rev. Wilson began a fast on Sept 17 at the new building for MCC Los Angeles and has stated she will continue the fast and live at the building until the problem of the finances for finishing the building is solved.

Diablo Valley AIDS Center in Concord, CA has requested our prayers: "Our ministry has grown so with the volunteers coming from all religious/spiritual backgrounds. Our clients have increased to 67 people since 1988. We are getting ready to hire a Secretary to handle the AIDS office. Please pray that all of us can grow with our ministry and God will direct us."

Prayers are requested for Rev. Ro Halford who takes care of the Church Services Dept. of UFMCC Headquarters Office. Rev. Halford is recuperating at home now from surgery to remove an anurism. If you wish to send cards, please send them in care of the Fellowship Offices.

As some of you may remember, Rev. Paul Peachey is one of the family from way back. We are sad to inform you that Paul died in February of 1989 in San Francisco. Paul was with UFMCC since the inception and had pastored, MCC Hawaii, was Assistant Pastor at MCC Los Angeles when Rev. Jim Sandmire was Pastor, and also has held the position of Assistant Pastor of Maranatha MCC in Hayward, CA. A Headstone for Paul is being planned and if you would like to contribute please send your contribution to: Jimmy Kerber, 7924 Winthrope, Oakland, CA 94605.

We are also saddened as Rev. Howard Wells died on Sept. 2 1989 in Houston, TX. As UFMCC clergy, he pastored MCC congregations in San Francisco, New York, Atlanta, Galveston, and served on the pastoral staff in Houston.

# CLERGY CONFERENCE

*JANUARY 22 - 25 in*
*Houston, Texas*

Building Skills For Successful Leadership in Ministry is the theme for Clergy Conference 90, scheduled on January 22-25 in Houston, Texas.

Site for this Clergy Conference will be the beautiful Adam's Mark Hotel, which is offering a special rate of $61.00 for single or double rooms.

Three tracks of workshops will be offered:

-- Creative Funding for local Churches
-- Wholistic Growth in Smaller Churches
-- The Ministry of Healing

Clergy Conference is scheduled immediately following the AIDS Ministry Conference, January 19-21, in the same location. Registration fees are:

EARLY - $100 for either Conference, $175 for both;
LATE - $125 for either Conference, $200 for both

Early registrations must be received in the UFMCC offices no later than January 1, 1990.

Hotel and airline reservations can be made through Vacation Corporation Travel at 1-800-642-4386 (USA) or collect (213) 933-4111 (in California or outside USA).

# 2ND UFMCC AIDS MINISTRY CONFERENCE

*JANUARY 19-21, 1990*
*Houston, Texas*

Building upon the experience of a highly successful AIDS Ministry Conference in January, 1988, a second similar Conference is scheduled for January, 1990.

This Conference, coordinated by Rev. A. Stephen Pieters, will again be sponsored by Samaritan College and the UFMCC. Featured Speakers include:

-- Alexandra Levine, M.D., Professor of Medicine,
University of Southern California
-- William A. Scott, President
National Lesbian & Gay Health Foundation (USA)
-- Rev. Carl Meirose, S.J., Director
AIDS Pastoral Care Network of Chicago
-- Rev. Scott Allen, Member
U.S. Congressional Commission on AIDS

A wide variety of workshops will also be featured at this Conference designed for both clergy and laity involved in AIDS Ministry.

The AIDS Ministry Conference is scheduled just before the 1990 UFMCC Clergy Conference in the same location: Registration fee for the AIDS Ministry Conference is $100 (USA-Early) and $125 (USA-Late). Early Registrations must be received by January 1, 1990.

A detailed brochure on the Conferences will be distributed to all UFMCC Churches and Clergy. For a copy or additional information on the Conference please contact Nancy Fackrell-Allen at UFMCC Offices: (213) 464-5100.

# SEPTEMBER, 1989
# TOP 20 TITHES

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | MCC San Diego | San Diego, CA | $2,615.16 |
| 2. | MCC Dallas | Dallas, TX | 2,310.71 |
| 3. | MCC Washington | Washington, DC | 1,576.57 |
| 4. | Church/Holy Spirit MCC | Ft Lauderdale, FL | 1,480.60 |
| 5. | MCC of the Resurrection | Houston, TX | 1,336.40 |
| 6. | MCC Toronto | Ontario, CAN | 1,313.28 |
| 7. | MCC Long Beach | Long Beach, CA | 1,177.68 |
| 8. | MCC in the Valley | N. Hollywood, CA | 1,134.49 |
| 9. | King of Peace MCC | St Petersburg, FL | 1,025.61 |
| 10. | First MCC of Kansas | Wichita, KS | 900.95 |
| 11. | MCC of the Rockies | Denver, CO | 847.57 |
| 12. | Joy MCC | Orlando, FL | 786.92 |
| 13. | River City MCC | Sacramento, CA | 744.22 |
| 14. | Divine Redeemer MCC | Glendale, CA | 603.69 |
| 15. | MCC San Jose | San Jose, CA | 586.78 |
| 16. | New Life MCC of Tidewater | Norfolk, VA | 580.16 |
| 17. | All Saints MCC of Atlanta | Atlanta, GA | 570.93 |
| 18. | MCC of San Antonio | San Antonio, TX | 490.09 |
| 19. | MCC Key West | Key West, FL | 488.56 |
| 20. | MCC New York | New York, NY | 487.72 |

# SEPTEMBER, 1989
# TOP 20 PER CAPITA

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | New Covenant MCC | Anaheim, CA | 36.90 |
| 2. | MCC of Northern Virginia | Oakton, VA | 32.68 |
| 3. | MCC San Diego | San Diego, CA | 32.25 |
| 4. | MCC Gentle Shepherd | Vancouver, WA | 26.52 |
| 5. | Whitewater Valley MCC | Richmond, IN | 25.24 |
| 6. | MCC at Boise | Boise, ID | 24.43 |
| 7. | Overlake MCC | Bellevue, WA | 24.24 |
| 8. | MCC Rockville | Rockville, MD | 22.73 |
| 9. | MCC Ocean of Life | Costa Mesa, CA | 22.39 |
| 10. | All Saints MCC of Atlanta | Atlanta, GA | 22.04 |
| 11. | Open Arms MCC | Rochester, NY | 21.85 |
| 12. | MCC San Jose | San Jose, CA | 21.73 |
| 13. | MCC Vancouver | British Columbia, CAN | 21.57 |
| 14. | Redeemer MCC of Flint | Flint, MI | 19.67 |
| 15. | Calvary MCC | Redwood City, CA | 19.23 |
| 16. | New Life MCC | Berkeley, CA | 19.09 |
| 17. | Golden Gate MCC | San Francisco, CA | 18.77 |
| 18. | MCC Portland | Portland, OR | 18.46 |
| 19. | Dawn of New Faith MCC | Galveston Isld, TX | 17.60 |
| 20. | MCC Seattle | Seattle, WA | 17.02 |

# ELDER'S ITINERARIES

REV. TROY D. PERRY

October 4 - 10 Board of Elders/General Council Meeting
13 - 15 Worcester, Massachusetts
20 - 22 Great Lakes District Conf., Toledo, Ohio
27 - 29 MCC Las Vegas, Nevada

November 3 - 4 Gulf Lower Atlantic District Conference, Greensboro, NC
4 Preach at MCC Greensboro, NC
10 - 12 Southwest District Conf., Oxnard, CA

REV. FREDA SMITH

October 3 - 10 Board of Elders/General Council Meeting
11th Camille Bell at River City MCC, Sacramento, CA
12 - 14 Interstate 5 Revival
17th Seminar on AIDS with Sacramento Medical Community
19 - 31 Mid-Atlantic District Tour
(20-22 Washington DC Spiritual Renewal
23rd MCC/Blue Ridge, Roanoke, VA-Elders visit
24-25 New Life MCC, Norfolk, VA-Elders visit
26-29 MCC Richmond, VA - Spiritual Renewal)

November 9th Speaker at Pillar's (Gay/Lesbian Business People of Sacramento)
10th Teaching course on Child Abuse for University of Calif at Davis
14th Attending all day seminar on Dealing With Difficult People in the Church
16 - 20 Celebration with MCC San Antonio, Texas
24 - 27 MCC Louisville, KY-Ordain Rev. Dee Dale

REV. CHARLIE AREHART

October 3 - 10 Board of Elders/General Council Meeting
13 - 15 Diablo Valley MCC, Concord, CA
Ordain Rev. Larry Whitsell

November 9 - 12 Southwest District Conf., Oxnard, CA

REV. JEAN A WHITE

October 3 - 12 Board of Elders/General Council Meeting
20 - 22 Attend Meeting on "Missiology in West Africa"

November 3 - 5 European North Sea District Conference
6 - 12 Visit East Germany (Group of 8)

REV. NANCY WILSON

October 4 - 10 Board of Elders/General Council Meeting
11 - 16 Vacation

ELDER LARRY RODRIGUEZ

October 4 - 10 Board of Elders/General Council Meeting
21st Lay Delegate Workshop at MCC in the Valley, N. Hollywood, CA

November 3 - 5 Spiritual Renewal - Vieux Carre MCC, New Orleans, LA
10 - 12 Southeast District Conference, Gainesville, FL

REV. DONALD EASTMAN

October 4 - 10 Board of Elders/General Council Meeting
20 - 22 Northeast District Conf., Boston, MA
27 - Nov 8 Visit European North Sea District
(29th MCC Southampton - preaching
Nov. 3-4 ENSD Conference
5-7 MCC Dublin, Ireland)
Nov. 10 - 12 Southwest District Conf., Oxnard, CA
19th MCC of the Pomona Valley, Ontario, CA Preaching

# NEW LEGAL & TAX GUIDE FOR MINISTERS

Often, clergy who are just beginning their ministry are totally unaware of important tax filing requirements and options regarding social security participation. As a result, decisions which should be made in the early stages of ministry pass by without action. Consequently, the new minister may violate tax reporting requirements, forfeit potential tax benefits, or miss deadlines for selecting social security options. The New Minister's Guide to Legal and Tax Issues by Richard Hammar, a sixty minute cassette tape, provides basic information clergy need to respond to the following issues: 1) estimated tax obligations; 2) minister's housing allowance; 3) social security options; 4) professional record keeping requirements; and 5) confidentiality. This tape may be ordered from Christian Ministry Resources, P.O. Box 2301, Matthews, NC 28106. Cost $9.95 plus $1.25 for shipping and handling. For orders of five or more the cost is $5.95 per tape.

# 'FOR YOUR OWN GOOD:...'

*(Author: Alice Miller)*

*BOOK REVIEW*
*(by Rev. Sherre Boothman)*

In an incredibly clear and articulate manner, Dr. Miller presents the system of parenting used in Western civilization, which she calls the "poisonous pedagogy of childbearing". Her ideas are presented through her analysis of Nazi Germany and how the holocaust was made possible.

I have been deeply impacted by this work in my understandings of oppression and how the roots of human violence are to be found in our system of parenting. Reading "For Your Own Good" and Paulo Friero's "Pedagogy

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of the Oppressed" is like seeing two sides of the same coin: one from a psychological perspective and one from a sociological perspective. All of us who wish to understand the dynamics of oppression really need Dr. Miller's insights.

The ways that Dr. Miller's "poisonous pedagogy of childbearing" has infiltrated Christian theology is amazing, even when the principles are totally contrary to the teachings of Jesus. For example, one of the principles of the poisonous pedagogy is parents are the masters, not the servants, of the dependent child. Traditional theology has emphasized God as "Master" and us as "servants". However, Jesus said that the greatest among us is the one who serves (Mark 9:35). From Jesus' perspective God is not the ultimate master. God is the ultimate servant.

Through Dr. Miller's insights we can begin to grasp the incredible impacts of oppression on gay and lesbian people in a new way. Most profound for me, was how we do not choose self-destructive traits. Rather these traits are chosen for us long before we have the ability to choose or to know that we have a choice. As adults, we live out of the survival mechanisms we learned as children, not conscious that any alternative behaviors may exist for us. From these insights Dr. Miller describes the process of healing.

I highly recommend "For Your Own Good" to all who wish to be a part of the healing of our community and our world.

## CLERGY STATUS FORMS

The 1989 Clergy Status Forms will be mailed to all Fellowship clergy during the first week of Nov. Please remember that this is certifying your ministry for the 1989 calendar year for both credentialing and pensioning purposes. This must be returned to the CCCC Office in Los Angeles by January 1st. Failure to return this form will result in immediate "Inactive Status" for 1989 and following and, for U.S. Clergy, ineligibility in the Pension Plan for the same years.

## CLERGY MANUAL

Yes! The new 1990 Revised edition of the Clergy Manual is coming. The most extraordinary feature of this manual is that it is an all-inclusive manual compiled from The Clergy Manual, The Student Clergy Manual, and the new Supervisor's Manual. The never-ending frustration of paging between manuals is over. Everything is now conveniently in one manual, in an easy-to-find format, at your fingertips, and attractively bound in a 3-ring binder for easy insertion of notes or other relevant items. It even includes a glossary of terms! Even though this is a brand new manual, this manual does not contain any major revisions to process requirements for any of the credentialing procedures other than those passed by General Conference XIV.

The 1990 Revised Clergy Manual is a valuable resource book for anyone thinking of pursuing a ministry in the UFMCC, anyone already in ministry, or anyone thinking of training another in ministry. This manual also contains valuable information for congregations in developing healthy working relationships with their Clergy and/or Student Clergy.

We have heard your comments regarding past manual revisions and have adopted a new policy with this manual. All future revisions will not be published until the January following a General Conference. There will not be any minor revisions published in the mean time. In other words, you get a manual with a two-year guarantee!

The 1990 Revised Clergy Manual is scheduled for release on 2 January 1990. The cost of the manual is $45 which includes shipping and handling. Orders for the new manual can be sent to: UFMCC Church Services, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite #304, Los Angeles, CA 90029, (213) 464-5100. Because of the imminent publication of this manual, the current April 1988 editions of the manuals are out of print and will not be reprinted. If you need any of the current application/process forms contact the CCCC Office at the same address and phone.

## WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

The UFMCC Church Services Department has available some resources to assist local MCC congregations in celebrating Advent and Christmas. Contact the Church Services Department to order and for price information.

Advent Resource Booklet contains information about Advent themes, the season, the colors, the Advent Wreath, Calls to Worship (for lighting the candles of the wreath), and Scripture Meditations for each day of Advent. This 1982 booklet is written by J. Pulling.

Experiencing For Ourselves the Advent of God-In-Christ contains Calls to Worship and stories for the lighting of the Advent Candles and Christ Candle in the context of congregational worship. This 1988 booklet is written by J. Pulling.

Christmas Eve Worship, designed by J. Pulling in 1989, replaces the 1982 resource "Worship for Christmas Eve". It includes Luke's Nativity Story, eight carols, Holy Communion, lighting of Christ Candle and individual candles. In keeping with Luke's emphasis on Jesus' humble origins, no monarchial images are used.

## 'SACRAMENT OF SEXUALITY:...'

*(by Morton & Barbara Kelsey)*

*BOOK REVIEW*
*(by Rev. Jeffrey Pulling, Ph.D.)*

"Sacrament of Sexuality: The Spirituality and Psychology of Sex" - This book is a mixed-bag. Parts of it are brilliantly and profoundly done, and other parts are inaccurate and have unfair portrayals of gay and lesbian people.

The authors are Jungian counselors (and he an Episcopal priest). Their Jungian approach is both the strength and the weakness of the book. The authors have strong feminist convictions and explain their growth into awareness through their individual life journeys, their relationship together, and their counseling (particularly dealing with self affirmation and abuse). Their awareness of femininity and masculinity (anima and animus) in every individual helps them to insightfully present the varieties of heterosexualities, homosexualities and bisexualities; the biological and cultural development of gender and sexual identity; the value and danger of celibacy; and sexual attitudes in the Bible and in Christian history.

The part of the book that was most helpful to me personally was their discussion of the development of human civilization from matrilinear to patriarchal and how that has affected religion, particularly Judaism/Christianity. This presentation is done very matter-of-factly and in a non-threatening way. It touched my rational, male-conditioned mind in a way that feminist polemic never could. Also very helpful to me personally was their discussion of male projections onto God (individuated autonomy, radical otherness, and omnipotence).

Unfortunately, this book falls short when it starts to deal specifically with homosexualities. Because of their Jungian understanding of men and women both having anima and animus and thus seeking the counterpart in other persons, they can only see same-gender orientation as an arrested stage of development. They are very open to and non-judgmental about homosexual relations, but by their definition heterosexuality is preferable to (better than?) homosexuality. It seems that they have gone beyond most of their homophobia, but they are still heterosexist. They do not seem to notice that gay and lesbian people who have had to struggle through to self-affirmation have had to consciously deal with both anima and animus in themselves and are thus probably better balanced in femininity-masculinity than other people are. Most of their personal knowledge of same-gender orientation (and most of the examples they give) seem to relate to their counseling of men in the priesthood or religious orders who are troubled and struggling. They need more exposure to lesbians in general and to healthy, self-affirming gay men. Their psychological theories about the development of a same-gender orientation would have to be changed if they dealt with women "coming out" later in life. They are confused about sadomasochism; their equation of S&M, violence, and rape is simply wrong. They also give misinformation about AIDS and anal intercourse because they show no awareness of safe sex practices.

This book by the Kelseys could be a very helpful resource for the study of sexuality and spirituality. Its shortcomings, however, must be openly recognized and dealt with.

## MCC PASTOR FOUND 'NOT GUILTY'

Rev. Lee J. Carlton, Pastor of Holy Cross MCC, Pensacola, FL and three other defendents were found not guilty of all charges heard by U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson in a seven-hour trial resulting from arrests at a July 2nd AIDS Benefit on the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

MCC Pensacola had sponsored the Charity Fundraiser annually each of the past four years to provide assistance for persons living with AIDS. This year, U.S. National Park Services officers came to the event, which was conducted in a beach area used frequently by area gays and lesbians, and alleged that various U.S. laws were being violated. Sixteen charges of violating U.S. laws were filed against Rev. Carlton and the other three. Rev. Carlton said, "It is our belief that the arrests grew out of the homophobia of one or two park rangers.

Mr. Robert W. Pope, a member of King of Peace MCC in St. Petersburg, was the defense attorney representing Rev. Carlton and the others. Mr. Pope questioned one Park Ranger who testified on the stand that he did not recall calling Rev. Carlton "a girl" and inferring that "all the men on the beach were girls" or threatening Rev. Carlton by asking "Have you ever seen anyone's legs after they have been dragged across this asphalt?" When asked if Rev. Carlton was on the ground at this time, the Ranger responded, "No, he wasn't laying down when I said that to him." Mr. Pope effectively challenged alot of the testimony of the Park Rangers and ultimately won the case following presentation of a videotape which confirmed the truthfulness of Rev. Carlton's testimony.

Pastor Carlton and the congregation have seen first-hand the cost and challenge encountered in active ministry of

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Christian Social Action. They express gratitude to the many throughout our Fellowship who have expressed and given support. They also covet and appreciate continued prayer and support.

Legal fees for this case were $4,579, of which $1300 has been received. Individuals or Churches wishing to contribute can make checks payable to the Holy Cross MCC/ Legal Defense Fund, 415 Alcaniz St., Pensacola, FL 32501.

## GENERAL COUNCIL IX PRESS RELEASE

General Council IX of the UFMCC convened in Los Angeles, CA October 5, 1989. After a half day of sharing and assigning division work we broke into divisions for the remainder of the first and all of the second day. On the second day of our division meetings, our moderator, Rev. Elder Troy Perry was brutally arrested during an AIDS demonstration. He went to the emergency ward of Cedar Sinai Hospital and was released with torn ligaments in his shoulder and a great deal of soreness. When we gathered for our plenary session the following day we were led by the International Concerns, Research and Development Division through a "Vision for the Future", a focus towards long range planning as a General Council within the Fellowship.

Sunday, October 8, we gathered together as a Council for the 21st Anniversary of MCCLA at their new facility in Culver City. We were delighted to see and hear Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson looking and sounding so strong in the 22nd day of her fast as she stands her ground to raise the consciousness of people to put a stop to the loss we are experiencing in so many ways as a Fellowship, and to raise the funds necessary to complete their sanctuary. We reconvened with our moderator for an afternoon forum on issues related to structures and systems.

We accepted the proposal from the Executive Committee of the Samaritan College Board of Trustees to retain Rev. Sherre Boothman as President of the College in a consulting basis until October 1990, in light of her new position as pastor of MCC in the Valley. The appointment of a new fulltime Dean is slated for January 1990 and the selection of a new president is anticipated by October 1990. We approved the appointments of the following people: Rev. Jimmy Brock as a member of CCCC, Rev. Steven Torrence as Chairperson of FFO, Mr. Jack Hubbs as Chairperson of the Elders Nominating Committee, Mr. John Willy and Mr. Leon Hampton to the Board of Pensions, Rev. Elder Jean White, Rev. Elder Donald Eastman, Rev. Grant Ford and Mr. Ravi Verma as interim WCE Advisory Committee, and in keeping with the By-laws to have the Elders make all appointments we approved the appointment of Ms. JoNee Shelton as Chairperson of COL. We moved to thank the Rev. Janet Pierce and Rev. Clarence Crossman for all their hard work with FFO.

The Program and Budget Division adopted a timeline for the 1992-93 Program and Budget, moved to recieve program reports, and accepted as a first reading that any church in arrears on tithes or assessments due the UFMCC, Board of Pensions or District shall be denied its lay delegate(s) vote at the District and/or General Conference. They have also begun a study regarding new programs, needs assessments, program structure, evaluation process for existing programs and development for new programs, communication etc. and will bring data to the next General Council.

The Corporate and Legal Division presented a number of advisories, authorized the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Districts to initiate formal discussions concerning a possible merger of the two districts and report to General Council X with their findings and chartered the following churches: MCC Huntsville, Holy Cross MCC, MCC Ottawa ECM, MCC Amarillo and MCC Pittsburgh.

The Communications, Policy and Review Division presented a newly revised Policy and Procedures Manual, added a policy for personnel crisis and security in the local church to the manual, and moved to recognize the desire expressed in the non-binding resolutions at GCXIV concerning the development of a Women's Commission.

The International Concerns, Research and Development Division moved to undertake research concerning a Commission on the Clergy, moved that the Elders appoint on an annual basis, the UFMCC representative to the International Lesbian and Gay Association, moved that the UFMCC is outraged by the recent deaths in Bejing when Chinese students took a stand for justice (per non-binding resolution from General Conference) and will be looking into additional international justice issues during the upcoming Council meeting.

The Council sent several letters to US government officials concerning remarks made by a Civil Rights Commissioner, and dealing with our outrage as to the treatment Troy received by the police during the AIDS demonstration.

The next Council meetings will be March 8-13, and October 4-9, 1990 in Los Angeles. Board of Elders will meet March 6-7 in Los Angeles, July 30 - August 4 in Phoenix and October 2-3 in Los Angeles.

## MARSHA STEVENS TAPE

The Church Services Department of the UFMCC Fellowship Offices is proud to announce that we are selling the cassette tape by Marsha Stevens through the Fellowship Offices in Los Angeles. If you are interested in purchasing one or several please write to: Church Services, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., #304, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

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An Open Letter From the President of Samaritan College

Dear Friends,

After much prayer, I decided to apply to MCC in the Valley to be their pastor. On October 8, I was elected pastor. I have always loved pastoring. Especially in the last two years, I have felt a strong desire to return to the pastorate. I am thrilled and excited about becoming the pastor of MCC in the Valley.

The Board of Trustees of Samaritan College will be meeting at the end of October to finalize the transition plans. The plan approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees is that I will remain President of the College through the end of 1990. We will hire the Dean of the School of Theology to actually conduct the day to day operations. The Board of Directors of MCC in the Valley has agreed that I can spend up to one day every two weeks at Samaritan College through 1990. The proposed schedule of events is as follows:

January 2: The new Dean and new Chair of Correspondence begin working at Samaritan College.

January 11: My last day of full-time work at Samaritan College.

January 14: I start at MCC in the Valley as pastor and I am part-time as President.

December 1 (latest foreseen start date): The new President of Samaritan College begins and we use this month for me to assist the new President in getting oriented to the position.

The process for hiring a new President requires the Board of Trustees to recommend the person they feel is best qualified to the UFMCC General Council for appointment. Once approved by the Council the President works at the direction of the Board of Trustees. In order to hire the new President, the Board of Trustees will need to raise funds in 1990 to underwrite the payroll costs.

I remain convinced that building up Samaritan College is of critical importance for UFMCC and the gay and lesbian community in general. I am committed to making this transition a successful one, as is the Board of Trustees, and the UFMCC General Council. By successful, I mean no interruption of services provided to UFMCC and replacing me with vital, new, creative leadership.

Samaritan College will need all of us to support it with an ever increasing vigor. I believe a successful transition will help us trust this young institution, and thus, empower us to give it the support, in prayers, in financial resources, and in sharing our time and talents, that it needs.

I deeply appreciate the opportunity you have given me and continue to give me to work for Samaritan College. It is a wonderful, challenging, healing place in my life.

Yours in Christ,

Sherre L. Boothman

Rev. Dr. Sherre L. Boothman

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Position Opens at Samaritan College

Position: Dean of School of Theology of Samaritan College

Benefits:
1. Annual Salary $25,000
2. Health Insurance
3. Four Weeks of Vacation and College Holidays
4. Conference Expenses for Southwest District Conference, UFMCC General Conference, and UFMCC Clergy Conference (if applicable)
5. Relocation expenses up to $1,000

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Member of an MCC congregation in good standing.
2. A Master's Degree in theology, education, or related field.
3. Demonstrated ability to do successful educational programing in a MCC environment.
4. Commitment to embrace the diversity of UFMCC in educational programing.

Responsibilities:

1. Administer the educational programs of the School of Theology in the USA and Canada.
2. Supervise programatic development of the School of Theology.
3. Cooperatively work with UFMCC in program development and implementation to meet the academic needs of UFMCC.
4. Supervise staff and faculty of the School of Theology.
5. Work at the direction of the President of Samaritan College.

Projected Start Date: January 2, 1990

Application Deadline: Monday, November 27, 1989

Interviews Conducted December 4-10, 1989.

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# UFMCC CALENDAR OF THE CHURCH YEAR 1990

| SEASON | DATE | CELEBRATION | LITURGICAL COLOR |
|---|---|---|---|
| ADVENT | Sunday, Dec. 3, 1989 | 1st Sun. in Advent | Blue or Purple |
| | Sunday, Dec. 10, 1989 | 2nd Sun. in Advent | Blue or Purple |
| | Sunday, Dec. 17, 1989 | 3rd Sun. in Advent | Blue or Purple |
| | Sunday, Dec. 24, 1989 | 4th Sun. in Advent<br>Christmas Eve | Blue or Purple;<br>Rainbow, Gold, or White (at midnight) |
| CHRISTMASTIDE | Monday, Dec. 25, 1989 | Christmas Day,<br>Festival of Incarnation | Rainbow, Gold, or White |
| | Tues., Dec. 26, 1989 | 1st Day of Kwanzaa (African-American) | |
| | Sunday, Dec. 31, 1989 | 1st Sunday after Christmas<br>Last Day of Kwanzaa<br>New Year's Eve - Watchnight | Rainbow, Gold, or White |
| | Sat., Jan. 6, 1990 | Epiphany, Festival of the Manifestation of Christ | Rainbow, Gold, or White |
| EPIPHANY SEASON | Sunday, Jan. 7, 1990 | 1st Sunday after the Epiphany, | Green |
| | Sunday, Jan. 14, 1990 | 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany<br>M. L. King, Jr. Birthday Observance | Green |
| | Sunday, Jan. 21, 1990 | 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany | Green |
| | Sunday, Jan. 28, 1990 | 4th Sunday after the Epiphany | Green |
| | Sunday, Feb. 4, 1990 | 5th Sunday after the Epiphany,<br>Beginning of World Church Extension Month,<br>Beginning of Black History Month | Green |
| | Sunday, Feb. 11, 1990 | 6th Sunday after the Epiphany | Green |
| | Sunday, Feb. 18, 1990 | 7th Sunday after the Epiphany | Green |
| | Sunday, Feb. 25, 1990 | 8th Sunday after the Epiphany | Green |

# UFMCC CALENDAR OF THE CHURCH YEAR 1990 

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| LENTEN SEASON | Wed., | Feb. 28, 1990 | Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent | Purple or Unbleached |
| | Sunday, | March 4, 1990 | 1st Sunday in Lent | Purple or Unbleached |
| | Sunday, | Mar. 11, 1990 | 2nd Sunday in Lent | Purple or Unbleached |
| | Sunday, | Mar. 18, 1990 | 3rd Sunday in Lent | Purple or Unbleached |
| | Sunday, | Mar. 25, 1990 | 4th Sunday in Lent | Purple or Unbleached |
| | Sunday, | April 1, 1990 | 5th Sunday in Lent | Purple or Unbleached |
| | Sunday, | April 8, 1990 | Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday | Purple or Unbleached |
| | Thurs., | Apr. 12, 1990 | Maundy Thursday | Purple or Unbleached |
| | Friday, | Apr. 13, 1990 | Good Friday | Stripped bare with no color at all |
| EASTERTIDE | Sat., | Apr. 14, 1990 | Easter Eve Vigil | Purple to Gold, Rainbow, or White (at mid-night) |
| | Sunday, | Apr. 15, 1990 | Easter Day, Festival of Resurrection | Rainbow, Gold, or White |
| | Sunday, | Apr. 22, 1990 | 2nd Sun. of Easter Beginning of Holocaust Week | Rainbow, Gold, or White |
| | Sunday, | Apr. 29, 1990 | 3rd Sun. of Easter | Rainbow, Gold, or White |
| | Sunday, | May 6, 1990 | 4th Sun. of Easter Beginning of Samaritan College Month | Rainbow, Gold, or White |
| | Sunday, | May 13, 1990 | 5th Sun. of Easter | Rainbow, Gold, or White |
| | Sunday, | May 20, 1990 | 6th Sun. of Easter, | Rainbow, Gold, or White |
| | Sunday, | May 27, 1990 | 7th Sun. of Easter, Ascension Sunday, | Rainbow, Gold, or White |

# UFMCC CALENDAR OF THE CHURCH YEAR 1990 

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| PENTECOST SEASON | Sunday, June 3, 1990 | Pentecost, Festival of the Holy Spirit, Beginning of Gay/Lesbian Pride Month | Red |
| | Sunday, June 10, 1990 | 1st Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday | Red |
| | Sunday, June 17, 1990 | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, June 24, 1990 | 3rd Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, July 1, 1990 | 4th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, July 8, 1990 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, July 15, 1990 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, July 22, 1990 | 7th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, July 29, 1990 | 8th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, Aug. 5, 1990 | 9th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, Aug. 12, 1990 | 10th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, Aug. 19, 1990 | 11th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, Aug. 26, 1990 | 12th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, Sept. 2, 1990 | 13th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, Sept. 9, 1990 | 14th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, Sept.16, 1990 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, Sept.23, 1990 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, Sept.30, 1990 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, Oct. 7, 1990 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost UFMCC Founders Sunday 1990, 22nd Anniversary | Red |
| | Monday, Oct. 8, 1990 | Thanksgiving Day (Canada) | Gold Rainbow, or White |
| | Sunday, Oct. 14, 1990 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, Oct. 21, 1990 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost, | Red |
| | Sunday, Oct. 28, 1990 | 21st Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| | Sunday, Nov. 4, 1990 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, UFMCC Memorial Sunday/ All Saints Sunday | Red or White |

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| Sunday, Nov. 11, 1990 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| Sunday, Nov. 18, 1990 | 24th Sunday after Pentecost | Red |
| Thurs., Nov. 22, 1990 | Thanksgiving Day (U.S.A.) | Rainbow, Gold or White |
| Sunday, Nov. 25, 1990 | Last Sunday after Pentecost | Red |

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## 1990 LICENSING CYCLE

Yes, the time is upon us to begin preparing Initial Licensure and Relicensure applications for the 1990 Cycle. Those clergy who are due for Relicensure are those who are not Ordained and were Intially Licensed in 1989 and those who were last relicensed in 1988. This will also apply to you even if you are currently on Leave or Sabbatical. A letter will be sent to you indicating your need to apply.

All of the Initial Licensure and Relicensure applications and their related forms, particularly the EV-1's, were revised in 1988. Please be sure that the applications you are submitting are the new forms. Look for the "rev 3 or 4/88" in the lower left or right hand corner. If you purchased the Clergy Manual after April 1988, it contains these new applications as well. If you do not have the current applications, please contact the CCCC Office in Los Angeles as the old application forms WILL NOT be accepted this year. Getting your application returned to you after March 1st because of inappropriate forms may cost you your credential as time constraints will curtail your efforts to resubmit an application.

One major change in procedure regarding the applications began with the 1989 cycle. The evaluations and recommendations must be returned to the applicant. DO NOT HAVE THESE FORWARDED TO THE CCCC OFFICE OR CHAIR. Please make sure your evaluators are so informed. (Any forms forwarded ahead of an application will be sent back to the applicant, possibly causing a failure to meet the deadline.) These must be included in the application package sent in by the applicant. This means that you, the applicant, must get these to your evaluators giving them sufficient time to act and respond back to you in time for you to meet the March 1st deadline!

Another change concerns the application itself. It must be bound, (paper clips don't count!) preferably in order (follow the page numbers). The ORIGINAL and three copies must be sent to the CCCC Office, postmarked by March 1st.

"What do you need for transcripts?" is a frequently asked question often compounded by the fact that we may already have some on file for you. Initial Licensure applicants must document their prerequisite credit hours as well as proficiency courses. Relicensure and Ordination applicants need only document courses taken since their last (re)licensure. The applications state an official transcript must be included. However, this is only necessary when we do not already have it. The official (if applicable) transcript must be included with the original application. All four copies of the application must include copies of the transcript(s).

Initial Licensure applicants must also apply for and receive academic and experiential certification prior to application for licensure. All academic and experiential work should be completed by January 1st to facilitate evaluations and certifications.

If you have any questions, please contact the CCCC Office.

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## THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Emmaus House of Prayer, a Special Work of the Mid-Atlantic District, is pleased to announce the publication in November, 1989 of its inclusive devotional, The Road To Emmaus: Daily Encounters with the Risen Christ.

The Road To Emmaus is a valuable resource for those who wish to balance the busy pace of modern life with moments of recollection and spiritual refreshment. Each meditation is a gentle invitation to become attentive to the presence of the Sacred in the ordinary circumstances of our lives and to open our hearts to the risen Christ in quiet reflection. Special care has been taken to make this devotional inclusive in language, tone, and content. Its underlying message is that the Gospel is good news for all people.

Emmaus House has extended its special pre-publication price of $10.95 per copy plus shipping and handling ($3 for 1-2 books, $5 for 3-5 books, $10 for 6-15 books) or just $8.95 per copy for orders of 51 or more books for all orders postmarked by November 15, 1989. After Nov 15 The Road To Emmaus will be available for its regular price of $12.95 per copy plus shipping and handling, with a 15% discount for orders of 10 or more books. Orders should be sent with payment to: Emmaus House of Prayer, P.O. Box 70434, Washington, D.C. 20024.

## NETWORK FOR JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY

*(by Rev. Ro Halford,*
*MCC Prison Chaplain - C.I.W.)*

At General Conference XIV in St. Paul, MN several of us who are doing jail and prison ministry met together in order to begin a process of networking. This is the first time in several years when many of us have gathered to discuss what we do in the penal system. It was an exciting time of sharing and exchanging addresses with one another. We decided to call ourselves the JPMN, or, Jail and Prison Ministry Network.

All of us are basically volunteers who have a genuine interest in getting the word of God into the penal system. Many of us visit inmates, some assist with the transition from prison and jails to the outside world. Others offer letter writing to so many who would otherwise not receive correspondence. All of us are dedicated to serving the people who others most often forget, (primarily because they are out of sight from society as a whole).

Each month we hope to have a BIO of the folks doing this ministry, in order for our family in UFMCC to know who we are and where we do our ministries.

I am a volunteer Chaplain at the California Institution for Women (CIW) at Chino, California. I have been doing this ministry for four years, now. We offer worship services for the women in prison. I am very fortunate to have a ministry team who assist with worship services by offering an occasional Sunday to come in and preach. Once a month Gina Chapman comes to the prison so I can have a Sunday off. I try to make myself available for personal, spiritual and relationship counseling for the women. It becomes tricky trying to balance the time I have with them in order to meet all their needs. This is where it is helpful when I have a team member with me. We can do both worship and counseling simultaneously. The women in prison named their church some three and a half years ago: Free Spirit MCC at C.I.W. They are proud of their church and recognize me fully as <u>their</u> Pastor. We have a strong core group of women who love MCC and will attend MCC when they are released. Please make them welcome if they come to your church - you will feel blessed.

There is such a need for people interested in doing this kind of ministry. It is hard, it is rewarding, it is joyful, it is painful. No matter how tough it gets, it's worth it. If you are interested please contact Rev. Ro Halford at the UFMCC Offices, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029, (213) 464-5100.

Rev. Halford has been a member of UFMCC since 1975, was licensed to the professional ministry in 1982 and Ordained in 1987. She receives a stipend, and support from the Southwest District to do this ministry in the prison system. We would like to see more Districts begin to get involved financially and spiritually in their penal system. Too many of our own people are getting locked away and forgotten...

## GAYS & LESBIANS FLOOD CONGRESS WITH MAIL

Washington, D.C., Sept. 7...The results are in from an unprecedented drive to make gay and lesbian voices heard on Capitol Hill, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) Field Division has now signed up thousands of people nationwide for its Speak Out message campaign.

HRCF signed up more than 15,000 individuals for the Speak Out Program at 1989 Gay and Lesbian Pride events around the country and at Names Project quilt appearances. Approximately 400 canvassers covered between 30-40 Pride events in more than 20 states.

Speak Out is a massive constituent mobilization effort that is generating tens of thousands of hard-hitting constituent messages to the U.S. Congress on gay and lesbian-related legislation.

By joining the Speak Out campaign, gays and lesbians and their supporters authorize HRCF to send one-day Western Union messages to their senators or representatives as critical legislation arises. Speak Out currently has between 20,000 and 25,000 people enrolled in the program. Every state has Speak Out participants.

HRCF has sent messages to Congress on several important bills, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Hate Crimes Statistics Act and the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights bill. Mailgrams have also been used to counter various anti-gay amendments, including Jesse Helms' "no promo homo" amendment.

"The impact on Capitol Hill has been truly amazing," said Steve Endean, HRCF Field Division director. "So often people mean to write to Congress but don't get around to it. Speak Out allows concerned individuals to bridge this gap of good intentions."

## NEWS FLASH!

At the time we went to press Rev. Nancy Wilson of MCC Los Angeles was just ending her fast. Please continue your prayers for her and MCCLA. An update will be forthcoming.